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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Kunio YAMADA et al.

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FOR: HOLDER FOR OPTICAL FIBER FERRULE END FACE GRINDING APPRATUS

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Applicant(s) wish to disclose the following information.

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	of the listed references are attached, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily							
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